

## **Initiative Measure 912 – Proposal to Repeal the Gas Tax**

Initiative 912 would have repealed the four "step" increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax as enacted by the 2005 session of the Legislature. If the measure had passed, the tax would have been returned to its pre-2005 rate. This measure would have repealed per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax increases of 3 cents in 2005, 3 cents in 2006, 2 cents in 2007, and 1.5 cents in 2008.

### **Statewide Results:**

- Statewide, I-912 failed – 55 percent voted to keep the gas tax and 45 percent voted to repeal the gas tax.
  - 13 counties voted to keep the gas tax
  - 26 counties voted to repeal the gas tax

### **King, Pierce, Snohomish County Results:**

- In King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties combined, I-912 failed – 62 percent voted to keep the gas tax and 38 percent voted to repeal the gas tax.
  - **In King County**, I-912 failed – 67 percent voted to keep the gas tax and 33 percent voted to repeal the gas tax
  - **In Snohomish County**, I-912 failed – 56 percent voted to keep the gas tax and 44 percent voted to repeal the gas tax
  - **In Pierce County**, I-912 failed (just barely) – 50.5 percent voted to keep the gas tax and 49.5 percent voted to repeal the gas tax

### **Urban versus Rural Results:**

- Support for keeping the 9.5 cents gas tax was high in the **Urban Areas** of the three counties. Within the Urban Areas of the three counties, I-912 failed – 64 percent voted to keep the gas tax and 36 percent voted for repeal.

The attached map shows support for keeping the gas tax was highest in the Seattle/Eastside urban areas. Support for the gas tax also was high in the rural areas adjacent to the Urban Growth Area boundary line in Snohomish and King counties.

- In the **Rural Areas** of the three counties, the vote was almost evenly split between keeping or repealing the gas tax. (The numbers in this Urban/Rural breakdown of the I-912 vote are approximate due to the splitting of some precincts by the growth boundary line. Rural town numbers were included in the rural numbers due to the difficulty in splitting zones in the rural area.)